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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TOMIO MIMURA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW DIVISIONAL :  
APPLICATION  
FILED: HERewith :  
FOR: AMINE RECOVERY METHOD :  
AND APPARATUS AND  
DECARBONATION APPARATUS  
HAVING SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.